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Peter Leadlay et al.) Art Unit: 1652
Serial No. 09/720,840)
Filed: September 5, 2001) Our File No. 0380-P02382US0
For: "Hybrid Polyketide)
Synthases and Novel Loading)
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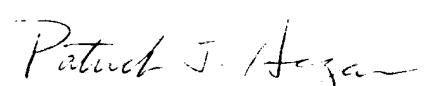
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Official Action dated May 6, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: